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VISIT TO THE US

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1. AT THE SEPTEMBER 24 AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE, THE GOVERNMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WILL FLY FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 3 FOR A MORNING MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A JOINT LUNCHEON. IN THE AFTERNOON, THE CHANCELLOR WILL MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HE WILL FLY HOME ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4.

2. ASKED WHETHER DURING THE VISIT THE OFFSET PROBLEM ALSO WOULD BE DISCUSSED, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REPLIED, "THE CHANCELLOR HAS ALREADY LET IT BE KNOWN SOMETIME AGO THAT ONE WAS IN TOUCH ON THIS PROBLEM AND HE CERTAINLY WILL USE THIS OCCASION TO CONTINUE THE

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CONTACTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE MEANTIME. I

CONSIDER THIS AS PROBABLE."

3. THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN WAS THEN ASKED REGARDING THE DESIRE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DEPART FROM THE FORM OF THE PAST OFFSET AGREEMENTS AND TO FIND A NEW FORM. HE REPLIED, "IT IS KNOWN THAT THE CHANCELLOR WANTS TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW THAT SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED ONE POSSIBLY COULD HAVE A NEW DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEW FORMS. THIS IS KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND ALSO UNDERSTOOD (GEWUERDIGT) BY IT."

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN PRINCIPLE WAS READY (FOR AN OFFSET ARRANGEMENT), THE SPOKESMAN REPLIED, "WE ARE PAYING IN ANY CASE -- AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD LEAVE THIS TO THE TALKS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE THERE (I.E., WASHINGTON." HILLENBRAND

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